

THE PLUMED KNIGHT.

Sol. Ingersoll's Famous Speech Which First Gave Blaine the Title.

How the Speech Was Prepared and How Its Effect Was Broken.

To the Editor.
WASHINGTON, June 7.—Will you please give the name of the term, "Plumed Knight," as applied to James G. Blaine, and obliging an old subscriber.

Col. Robert O. Ingersoll first gave Blaine the title of "Plumed Knight" in presenting his name to the Cincinnati convention of 1876. The speech has a history which is almost as interesting as the speech itself. The colonel was not as well and widely known then as now, and few of the delegates suspected that they would hear anything out of the usual order of hum drum convention harangues when the candidates were presented. Many of the western delegations, as well as those who were present that year, knew the orator, however, and hoped and expected something good, but probably none of them save one hoped for as much as they got. That one was E. C. Ingersoll, the colonel's brother.

As the world now well knows, the brothers were wholly devoted to each other, and when it was settled the day before the speech was made that the Colonel would present Blaine's name, Clark became very anxious that Bob should take the fullest advantage of his opportunity. But Bob seemed to have no objection to anything, so he wrote to his brother after repeated inquiries as to whether he had written anything he was always obliged to say no. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon they went driving, and the evening was spent in chattering with delegates and callers. At midnight they retired.

At daylight the colonel got up quietly, and while his brother and the three or four other occupants of the room were snoring peacefully, went to work with a little old stub of lead pencil, and such scraps of paper as he could get out of some old letters in his coat pocket. Before Clark woke up the speech was completed, and checked and cleaned again as men have rarely checked before or since. Could a vote have been taken then, it is the opinion of nearly everybody who was there that Blaine would have been nominated. But it was not to be. It was getting late. An anti-Blaine citizen of Cincinnati climbed on the stage and announced that it had been found impossible to connect the gashaws with the mains, and there was no gas to supply the convention with light. It was therefore necessary to adjourn, and next morning the enthusiasm had died out, so Blaine was beaten on the seventh ballot by Hayes.

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Gentlemen of the Convention: In the name of the great republic, the only republic that ever existed upon this earth in the name of all her defenders and of all her supporters; in the name of all her soldiers living in the name of all her soldiers dead upon the field of battle, and in the name of those who perished in the skeleton clutch of famine at Andersonville and Libby, whose suffering

he so vividly remembers—Illinois nominates for the next president of this country that prince of parliamentarians—that leader of leaders—James G. Blaine.

THOSE EMBALMED MEATS.

Ineffectual Attempt to Discover the Author of a Sensational Statement.

A paragraph which appeared in the Sunday papers stating that an amateur chemist had informed Mr. D. W. Glassie that the "meats sold in our markets were doctored by the injection of an embalming fluid to preserve the meat fresh" has caused something of a sensation in the community. Mr. Glassie was away yesterday by a REPUBLICAN reporter and said:

"I was so informed by my friend, who wished me to see Dr. Townsend, the health commissioner, about it. I did not call upon Dr. Townsend, but wrote a note to the commissioners, in which I stated that it was a matter that interested every person in the community. I thought it ought to be investigated."

"Who is the 'amateur chemist' referred to?"

"He is a physician and a graduate of one of the medical colleges of the district. He has the most considerable experience in the embalming of bodies."

"What is his name?"

"That I do not care to tell you until I have seen him."

"As you say that the statement made by him interests every person in the community and you so informed the commissioners, why don't you tell me his name, so that I can see him and ask him about the analysis he made of the meat?"

Capt. S. E. Thomason, of the Union Veteran corps, "Old Guard," has issued the following "general order, No. 7," to his command:

The officers and members of this command will assemble at the agency, Military Temple, on Tuesday evening, with uniforms in full uniform, shako, knapsack, and blankets (fatigue cap slung outside).

The line will form at 11:10 p.m. A roll call will be made at Masonic temple from 9 to 10 o'clock, and the excursionists with tickets, which will be sold for \$50 for the round trip, good for five days. Ladies will be allowed to go at the same fare. Kit Carson post invites all commands of the G. A. R., of this and other departments, to accompany the post to Brooklyn. The post will occupy the post of honor—the right of the line—on the parade of the 11th, and therefore it was decided that only commands in uniform—double-breasted blue coats, blue pants, black felt hats, black cravats, and white gloves—can march with the post in the parade. At another time it is the custom for parades to go in uniform. Post badges can be obtained from the quartermaster at Masonic temple. Perry post, of Brooklyn, will receive our boys and escort them to the Cosmopolitan hotel, where good accommodations have been secured at reasonable rates. The occasion will doubtless prove one of the most enjoyable of the season.

"It is told me that he had discovered in the meat an injection of a fluid used in embalming, but that he did not care to tell the fact to the public, fearing it might injure his business. I do not care to tell his name until I have seen him."

As Mr. Glassie is the only connecting link between the "amateur chemist" who has made the startling discovery, and the public who are most interested in it, his refusal to give the chemist's name put a sudden end to the investigation. Until the chemist discloses his identity or permits Mr. Glassie to do so the public will not know whether he examined meat from every market, or one market, or no market.

THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Normal School Graduates—Award of the College Scholarships.

At a special meeting of the board of school trustees held Saturday it was voted to confer diplomas on the following graduates of the normal school: Emily White Dyer, Besse Burns, Henrietta Cattell, Eva Elbertine Cowling, Louise Cecilia Esthoffer, Lotta Belle Fisher, Mary Florence Gore, Bertha Bell, Abby Elizabeth Hopkins, Carrie Adelaiden Johnson, Florence Winifred Layton, Ella M. Macartney, Katie Ruggles Macquenne, Mary McWilliam, Anna Brooke Neumeyer, Mary Noud, Mariana Schooley, Mary Ella Sherif, Marie Henrietta Seibert, Ottlie Silver, Annie Virginia Tarrise, Grace Thompson, Anna Wilson, Helen Durand Wise, Ida May Daly, Mary Grace Edwardsburg, Julia May Davis, and Florence W. Farnsworth.

A letter from the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., thanking the school children for generous contributions of flowers for Decoration day, was read.

The award of scholarships was made as follows: Titus Ulke for Kendall scholarship in Columbia University; John Sayres Burton for the King scholarship in Dickinson College; Maggie Sipes Wolhaupfer for the scholarship in Boston University, and William H. Stockbridge for the Birney scholarship in Cornell University.

THE "V. V. V. CLUB."

The members of the V. V. V. club met Saturday evening at the club rooms in Masonic temple for their usual practice in dancing, but the president of the club, Prof. J. H. Vermilye, had prepared a surprise for them. The ladies—those who are the friends of Blaine—the alternates, and the entire audience stood up on their seats and cheered him hand in hand, and cheered and cheered again as men have rarely cheered before or since. Could a vote have been taken then, it is the opinion of nearly everybody who was there that Blaine would have been nominated. But it was not to be. It was getting late. An anti-Blaine citizen of Cincinnati climbed on the stage and announced that it had been found impossible to connect the gashaws with the mains, and there was no gas to supply the convention with light. It was therefore necessary to adjourn, and next morning the enthusiasm had died out, so Blaine was beaten on the seventh ballot by Hayes.

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THE TRIP TO BROOKLYN.

Arrangements of Kit Carson Post—Capt. Thomason's General Order.

The committees appointed by Kit Carson post, No. 2, G. A. R., and the Union Veteran corps, Capt. Thomason, to make the necessary arrangements to attend the reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, which takes place in Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 11th instant, have completed their task. Both organizations will assemble in-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock, at Masonic temple, and at 10 o'clock, accompanied by the Cadet corps, they will march to the Baltimore and Potomac depot to take special cars for New York. The train leaves at 11:10 p.m. A roll call will be made at Masonic temple from 9 to 10 o'clock, and the excursionists with tickets, which will be sold for \$50 for the round trip, good for five days. Ladies will be allowed to go at the same fare. Kit Carson post invites all commands of the G. A. R., of this and other departments, to accompany the post to Brooklyn. The post will occupy the post of honor—the right of the line—on the parade of the 11th, and therefore it was decided that only commands in uniform—double-breasted blue coats, blue pants, black felt hats, black cravats, and white gloves—can march with the post in the parade. At another time it is the custom for parades to go in uniform. Post badges can be obtained from the quartermaster at Masonic temple. Perry post, of Brooklyn, will receive our boys and escort them to the Cosmopolitan hotel, where good accommodations have been secured at reasonable rates. The occasion will doubtless prove one of the most enjoyable of the season.

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